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PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONNotes

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Farmers have smaller supplies of feed grains and more livestock and poultry in the first half of 1952 than in any of the past 3 years, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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About 340,000 bushels or boxes of apples were donated this winter to schools in the Midwest, to nonprofit institutions, and to Indians in some Midwestern states by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department bought these apples to help remove surplus production from the market.

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1951 wool brought growers a record price of nearly \$1 a pound. That's more than double the average price growers have received for their wool in the last 10 years, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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"We and the other free peoples of the world face two main threats. One threat is military aggression and subversion. But the other - the long-time threat - is hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy ... in which unrest finds its best breeding ground. Here is our best hope for world peace, security, and freedom..." Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

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To receive Agricultural Conservation Program assistance a farmer must have prior approval from the county PMA committee for a practice, must carry out the approved practice in accordance with approved specifications, and must certify that the practice has been completed as specified when applying for payment.

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Total disappearance of wheat in 1951-52 is expected to be about 1,115 million bushels, the largest since 1948. With the supply estimated at 1,423 million bushels, the carry-over next July would be about 300 million bushels, compared with 396 million on July 1, 1951 and the 1941-50 average of 334 million bushels, the Department of Agriculture reports.

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Agricultural production per man-hour rose 35 percent from 1940 to 1951 while gross production per man-hour in industry climbed only 11 percent, Under Secretary of Agriculture Clarence J. McCormick recently pointed out. McCormick also pointed out that last year farmers produced a fourth more food on but 1 percent more harvested acres than in 1940.

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Only on the individual farms of the Nation can the 1952 feed and fiber production goals be met. And only if these goals are met can the Nation meet its other defense needs, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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Stocks of merchantable potatoes held by growers and local dealers in or near the areas where produced were considerably smaller on March 1, 1952 than holdings on this date from the large crops of recent years, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program for North Dakota offers assistance to farmers for carrying out those practices which will aid in soil and water conservation, improvement of range and pasture forage or farm woodland, and maintain soil fertility for meeting our expanding heavy National agricultural production requirements.

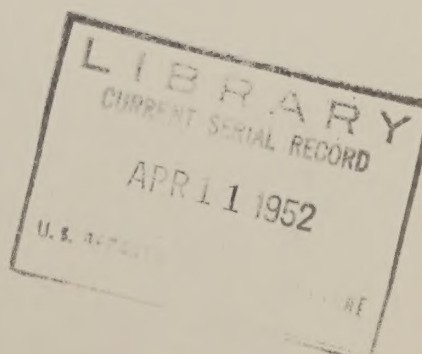
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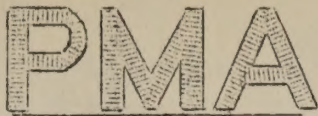
The reforestation of 456,370 acres put 1951 among the top years for planting trees in this country, the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program with local administration by elected farmer committees is an effective link between our experiment stations and research laboratories and the farmer and his farm.

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Foods featured by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the April "Plentiful" list include: Grapefruit, processed orange and grapefruit, domestic dates, dried prunes, cottage cheese, nonfat dry milk solids, pork and pork products, fresh and frozen fish, vegetable shortening and vegetable oil, lard, cabbage and carrots.

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In urging farmers to increase their intended plantings of feed grains, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan recently pointed out that with current feeding rates, and the short production last season, feed grain stocks may be as much as one-third less by this harvest time than a year earlier.

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North Dakota farmers cooperating in the 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program are urged to determine the most serious conservation needs on their farms and to use the program to help meet these needs.

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If no more outbreaks occur by September, Mexico will be declared free of foot-and-mouth disease for the first time in almost five years, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has announced.

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A sound, effective, and workable price-support structure is the basic fundamental upon which virtually all the other farm programs rest, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan told a farm group recently.

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The main purpose of the 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program is conservation for production, not putting our land on the shelf for future use. The program is designed to make the best possible use of the land to meet needs now, and at the same time protect it for the future.

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